

(8) Land. To acquire by gift, purchase, or by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, in the manner prescribed by Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, lands, rights in land, or water rights in connection with land. Property or any interest or estate in property owned by any county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the State may not be acquired by the exercise of the power of eminent domain without the consent of the governing body of the county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision. Ten days after the return and recordation of the verdict or award in any condemnation proceedings, the Commission may enter and take possession of the condemned property, after first paying to the Clerk of the Court the amount of the award and all costs taxed to that date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant. At the time of the payment, however, the District shall give its corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment in the appeal or further proceedings. IN ANY--ACQUISITION-OF-LAND-BY-GIFT,--PURCHASE,--OR-EMINENT-DOMAIN THE DISTRICT SHALL MAY ACQUIRE LAND OUTSIDE OF A SUBDISTRICT BY GIFT OR PURCHASE PROVIDED THAT THE LAND IS NOT LOCATED OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND IS REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR INSTALLATION OF:

(I) SEWERS;

(II) PORTABLE WATER MAINS;

(III) SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE LINES;

(IV) SWALES;

(V) PUMPING STATION TREATMENT PLANTS; OR

(VI) FACILITIES INTENDED TO SERVE A SEWER, WATER, OR SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM LOCATED ENTIRELY OR PARTLY WITHIN ANOTHER SUBDISTRICT.

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(c) If, within 10 days after the date of the hearing, not less than 25 persons owning property which will be subject to tax, assessment, or charge to pay the cost of any project considered at the hearing, file with the Commission a written petition protesting any project and setting forth reasons for the protest, the Commission shall decide upon the reasonableness of the objections stated in the petition. THE PETITION SHALL CONTAIN, LEGIBLY PRINTED OR TYPEWRITTEN, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH PETITIONER, AS WELL AS THE WRITTEN SIGNATURE OF EACH PETITIONER. EACH PETITIONER SHALL INCLUDE ON THE PETITION AN INDICATION OF WHETHER THE PETITIONER OWNS PROPERTY WITHIN THE SANITARY SUBDISTRICT WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THE PROTEST. ANY PETITION THAT DOES NOT CONTAIN THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION IS INVALID. ONLY THE SIGNATURES OF PERSONS OWNING